

MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services Regulatory Services Policy * Survey and Certification Clarification

TO: Regulatory Services
Regional Directors and State Office Managers

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SUBJECT: S&CC 16-04 - Survey Revisit Guidance

APPLIES TO: Nursing Facilities

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Revisit guidance adjusted to accommodate sequestration has been updated.

Current Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, effective April 5 2013, address the number of onsite revisits allowed and those that require prior approval. The policy found in the [State Operations Manual 7317.2](#) states:

“Two onsite revisits are permitted, at the State’s discretion, without prior approval from the regional office; a third onsite revisit may be approved only at the discretion of the regional office. Regional offices are limited to approving only this one additional onsite revisit. This policy applies to Medicare-only facilities, CMS can neither limit the number of revisits nor require States to obtain approval from the regional office or the State Medicaid Agency for a third onsite revisit; however, states should follow this policy so that the Medicare and Medicaid programs are run consistently.”

This replaces the survey revisit guidance implemented to accommodate federal budget reductions brought about by The Budget Control Act of 2011, popularly known as “**sequestration**,” that was implemented on March 1, 2013.

During sequestration, a second onsite revisit required prior approval by the CMS Regional Office (RO). A third or fourth onsite revisit, in those cases where CMS policy permitted a third or fourth revisit, also required prior approval by the CMS RO.

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